

MINUTES

Child Protection Section; Governing Council
March 18, 2021• Noon to 1:00 pm MST
Via Teleconference/Videoconference

- I. **Meeting Called to Order at 12:00 p.m. by Chairperson Carlson**
- II. **Approve Minutes (February 26, 2021 meeting) – Unanimously approved**
- III. **Financial Update – No changes since February 2021.**
- IV. **Old Business**
 - Advocate Co-Sponsorship with Indian Law Section in February of 2022
 - Upcoming, Free CLES with Volunteer Speakers:
 - March 26, 2021: Bradley Andrews, Bar Counsel, Idaho State Bar, will speak on ethical issues when clients stop communicating.
 - April 23, 2021: Spring Conference & Section Annual Meeting/Elections
 - May 28, 2021: Christina Bruce Bennion & Salome Mwangi, Idaho Office of Refugees, will speak on special issues attorneys should know when representing refugees.
 - June 25, 2021: Taylor Numedahl, LMSW, CARES/St. Luke's Hospital, will present on the forensic interview process of children believed to have been abused or neglected.
- V. **New Business**
 - A. **Safely Together Training** for Region IV (6/24/21) and Region III (6/25/21)
 - B. **Idaho's implementation of the Families First Prevention and Safety Act –** Alana Minton is scheduled to provide a training for judges in late May 2021. Tentative plan to have Alana Minton present on FFPSA to the membership in August CLE.
 - C. **Scholarship Project Ideas –** Conversation moved from considering a scholarship for law students to an annual Child Protection Section Award recognizing an individual for the contribution to the Idaho child welfare system. Chairperson Carlson will research the criteria of a similar award granted by the Governor's Task Force, and this will be placed on the April 2021 Governing Council agenda for further consideration.
 - D. **Annual Meeting**
 - Nominations: poll during conference vs. electronic ballot in advance- there are five (5) nominations for the two (2) open at-large member positions. It was agreed that Ex-Chair Minton will stay on the Governing Council at the end of her present term as a non-voting "Liaison with Courts" position.

- Conference
 - i. Speakers – confirmed and ready to present.
 - ii. Service Project – the Governing Council decided to forego any Service Project at the conference and request that members suggest possible future Service Projects for the Section.
 - iii. Agenda approval – the agenda proposed by Chairperson Carlson was approved.
 - iv. Other details

VI. Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.